

DISTRICT V ADVISORY BOARD
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January 6, 2003
7:00 p.m.

Auburn Hills Golf Course Clubhouse
443 S. 135th West

The District V Advisory Board met for the first regular meeting in 2003. In attendance were Vice-Mayor Martz, District V City Council Member; and, seven (7) District Advisory Board Members. Three (3) City staff was present and approximately ten (10) members of the public of which five (5) signed the sign-in sheet.

Members Present

David Almes
Bob Bulman
Sean Cash
Amy Doan
David Dennis
Maurice Ediger
Brendan Groves
Bob Sorenson
Teresa Schmidt
Vice Mayor Martz

Members Absent

Fran Hoggatt
Samantha Morgan
Andy Johnson
Laura Scrafford

Staff Present

Robert Ahsens, Police
Brad Haught, Police
Dana Brown, City Manager's Office

Guests

Roscoe Taylor, 2249 N. Hoover, 67205
Mrs. Roscoe Taylor, 2249 N. Hoover
Clete Dold, 218 S. Breezy Pt. Circle, 67235
Betty Ladwig, 406 N. Jaax, 67235
Steve Winslow, 1910 N. Wood, 67212

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Vice Mayor Martz called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m., welcoming the public and expressing the hope that everyone enjoyed the holiday season.

Approval of Minutes & Agenda

Vice Mayor Martz asked for approval of the minutes for minutes for November 4, 2002 & December 2, 2002. The minutes were approved 7:0 (Almes/Dennis). He then asked if any amendments were necessary to the agenda for the meeting. Hearing none, the agenda was approved.

Public Agenda

No items had been scheduled. **Clete Dold, 218 S. Breezy Point Circle, and representing Breezy Lakes Homeowner Association**, asked when the City expected to add plantings to the new medians on Maple Street between 119th & 135th. He also asked if a parking lot is

planned for Meadows Park, presented one off-agenda item. Staff agreed to obtain answers from City Departments and call Mr. Dold with the information.

Staff Presentations

Community Police Report

Robert Ahsens, Beat 19 Community Police Officer, reported on several issues for District V policing. He noted that extra emphasis had been placed in the Reflection Ridge housing area due to the increase in burglaries in that area. Detectives and Community Police had distributed fliers door-to-door and made contact with the residents to advise them about precautionary measures and obtain any information that might help in addressing the concern.

Officer Ahsens reported that ABC Liquor Store at Central & Ridge had six (6) break-ins during December. Officer Ahsens had worked with the owner to install bars on all windows.

Several neighborhood complaints had been received regarding traffic issue complaints of speeding, abandoned vehicles, and stop sign violations. Police have encouraged residents to report the tag number to Police. Police will then contact the person owning the car to let them know the reported concern. He reported that vehicles are considered abandoned if they have not been moved in over 48 hours.

Vice Mayor Martz asked if Police had received complaints about guns being fired on New Year's Eve to which **Officer Ahsens** said the West Patrol Station does not usually receive such complaints for the District V area. He noted that those complaints are more typical in the inner city and northeast areas.

Ediger reported that he had just returned from Pasadena, CA where speed bumps were used extensively and seemed to be very effective. He explained that the bumps were constructed so the increased grade was very gradual but appeared to be enough to make a difference in preventing vehicles from speeding, especially in residential areas. **Almes** agreed that he had observed a similar effect in communities in Texas.

Action: Receive and file

Planning Agenda

Zone Change Request – ZON2002 - 00065

The request for a zone change from "SF-5" Single Family to "LI" Light Industrial is located on an unplatted tract located north of 21st Street North and west of Hoover. The applicant seeks to redevelop the subject property for use by the Seapak Company, a manufacturing business that is being relocated by the City from 2614 S. Hoover due to a drainage project at their current location.

Due to illness, no Planning Department staff was available to present information in addition to the staff report previously sent to all DAB members. City Manager's Office staff reported that Planning had not received any concerns from the public regarding the requested change.

Phil Meyer, Baughman Company, agent for the applicants, George R. & Cleora E.

Duvall, presented information about the request to change the zoning of the subject property on an unplatted tract. The applicant seeks to redevelop the subject property for use by the Sealpak Company, a manufacturing business being relocated by the City from 2614 S. Hoover due to a drainage project at the current location. Meyer said the conditions included a set back of 35 feet with landscape screening and subject to platting within one (1) year.

DAB Members asked questions about products manufactured by Sealpak and whether the four (4) lots east would be better for development in consideration of the previous approval of a zone change. Another DAB Member reported that a sealant for airplanes was produced and Meyer reported the properties in question were sold. One DAB Member, a resident of the area, noted that residential zoning existed all around the subject property but that he did not foresee any issues that would arise with the manufacturing business. The Board voted 9:1 to support the Planning Department recommendation to approve the request with the Protective Overlay as given in the staff report (**Bulman/Cash**).

Action: DAB V recommended approval of the request subject to conditions.

Board Agenda

Updates, Issues, and Reports

Vice Mayor Martz said that a grant application from Northridge Homeowner Association (HOA) needed review. The application was tabled at the last meeting due to the expenditure of all 2002 funds. The Northridge HOA requested funding for a water circulation improvement project. DAB Members were concerned that the visibility for the public would be too limited in consideration of that being a major factor in the other funded projects. Some discussion ensued about whether a portion of the request might be funded. **Bulman (Ediger)** moved to deny the request. **Almes** questioned if any interest existed in funding part of this request to which no member expressed support. **Bulman** called for the question. Motion passed 8:1 (Almes).

Action: DAB voted to deny the grant request from Northridge HOA.

Vice Mayor Martz handed out an e-mail response to a previous concern & question about whether the City could somehow address the driving practices of funeral escorts in the city. The response stated that the City had the authority to develop an ordinance to regulate and enforce certain restrictions in escorting funeral processions. A recommendation was made by the DAB for staff to explore actions that need to be initiated.

Vice Mayor Martz explained his action at a recent Council meeting to eliminate the northeast portion of the proposed Wheatridge Improvement District. The Board had recommended that the proposed area become an improvement district to pave dirt streets.

Vice Mayor Martz said that none of the residents had signed the petition to pave the streets in the area. In addition, one of the two residents had lost his home in the Halloween flood (1997) and owned two large lots that would cost the resident more in assessments than the majority in the district area. Because the area was on a perimeter location of the improvement district, it could easily be eliminated.

Bulman expressed concern about the need for city streets to be paved. **Vice Mayor Martz** said he typically agreed but felt this was an unusual situation that required a different approach. Bulman said that he understood but just wanted to be on record as objecting.

Staff provided maps for each DAB Member of the newly adopted City Council Districts. Even though the Council has taken action to adopt the new boundary lines for the districts, the change in the areas will not be truly effective until after the local election in April.

Vice Mayor Martz stated that the next meeting for District Advisory Board V is scheduled on **February 2, 2003** at Auburn Hills Clubhouse at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjournment at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Brown
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City Council District V